

**Public Comment Process**  
**2012 Action Plan Amendment – Areas for Community Reinvestment**

- Public Notice
  - Public Notice published in the *Houston Chronicle* on November 3, 2012 advertising 30-day public comment period from November 3, 2012 to December 3, 2012.
  - No comments were received.
- Presentation to Houston City Council Housing, Sustainable Growth and Development Committee
  - November 5, 2012 at 10:00 am.
  - No public comments were received.
- Public Hearings
  - October 29, 2012 at 6:00 pm – Acres Homes Multi-Service Center
  - November 8, 2012 at 6:00 pm – City Hall Annex
  - Map of Areas for Community Reinvestment shown and discussed during the fall Action Plan Public Hearings.
  - No comments about the Areas for Community Reinvestment were received.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Houston (City) is required to make a Substantial Amendment to any of its Consolidated Action Annual Action Plans pursuant to the regulations at 24 CFR 91.505. The City also amends the Plans when it makes a material change to any information included therein.

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) proposed a Code Enforcement Areas map as a part of the 2012 Annual Action Plan submission to better help historically underserved communities receive priority selection for code enforcement activities. To determine the areas, HCDD conducted an analysis of several demographic and income elements of Houston's eighty-eight (88) Super Neighborhoods. In order to determine the areas of most need, six (6) characteristics were considered:

- Low- to Moderate- Income (LMI) population;
- The Land Assemblage Redevelopment Authority (LARA) Owned Lots;
- Commercial Investments (HCDD Funded);
- Multifamily and Public Facilities;
- Concentration of Multifamily Housing Stock 2000 Census Data;
- Designated Demolition sites; and
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects.

Fifty-five (55) of the eighty-eight (88) Super Neighborhoods were located in LMI areas. After applying the above characteristics, HCDD identified thirty-nine (39) Super Neighborhoods to be a part of the Code Enforcement Areas map. Given the factors reviewed during this process, the Department now proposes to establish this map as a Community Reinvestment Map and Plan in order to leverage local dollars with private investment through the State Housing Tax Credit program and to focus reinvestment into priority areas of the City, which will ultimately arrest decline and lead to positive change in these areas.

Therefore, HCDD recommends amending the Geographic Distribution Section under General Questions, beginning on Page 39, of the 2012 Annual Action Plan, adding an additional Appendix, and making such other changes as may be necessary to effectuate this amendment.

The public has 30 days to comment on the proposed amendment to the 2012 Annual Action Plan. The comment period extends from Saturday, November 3, 2012 until Monday, December 3, 2012. This notice can be found on the HCDD Web site at <http://www.houston.tx.gov/housing/index.html>. You may also submit any written comments or questions on this amendment to Brenda Scott at [Brenda.Scott@HoustonTX.gov](mailto:Brenda.Scott@HoustonTX.gov) or Derak Sellers at [Derak.Sellers@HoustonTX.gov](mailto:Derak.Sellers@HoustonTX.gov). You may also call at (713) 868-8300.



## Special Called Housing, Sustainable Growth and Development Committee

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### Committee Members

Wanda Adams (Chair)	Mike Laster (Vice Chair)
Andrew Burks	Jack Christie
Stephen Costello	Jerry Davis
Ed Gonzalez	Larry Green
Al Hoang	Melissa Noriega
Oliver Pennington	Mike Sullivan
James Rodriguez	

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### AGENDA

Monday, November 5, 2012

10:00am

1. Call to Order/Welcome – Council Member Wanda Adams, Chair
2. Disannexation of undeveloped land in East Houston commonly referred to as Watco.
  - Margaret Wallace, Planning and Development Department
3. Presentation of Procedures for Demolition of single family homes.
  - Katherine Tipton, Director of Department of Neighborhoods, Neil Rackleff, Director of Housing and Community Development Department, Legal Department representative.
4. Housing Department
  - A. Grants**
    1. Review and possible recommendation of an ordinance authorizing the City to extend the expiration date of the CBDG-DR Hurricane Ike Round 1 Contract with the State's General Land Office.
    2. Review and possible recommendation of an ordinance authorizing a Substantial Amendment to the 2012 Annual Action Plan.  
Presenter: Veronica Chapa-Jones
  - B. Single Family Home Repair Program**
    3. Review and possible recommendation of an ordinance authorizing \$6,000,000 in TIRZ Affordable Housing Funds for various affordable housing projects.  
Presenter: Chris Butler
  - C. Director's Comments**
5. Public Comment.

Action may be taken on any or all of the above items.

Committee meetings are open to the public.

For information about this committee, contact Karen Haller 832.393.3001

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TO: Mayor via City Secretary REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

<b>SUBJECT:</b> An Ordinance approving a Substantial Amendment to the 2012 Annual Action Plan, add a Community Reinvestment Plan and Map.		<b>Category #</b>	<b>Page</b> 1 of 1	<b>Agenda Item #</b>
<b>FROM :</b> Neal Rackleff, Director Housing and Community Development Department		<b>Origination Date</b> 10/30/2012		<b>Agenda Date</b>
<b>DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b>		<b>Council District(s) affected:</b> N/A		
<b>For additional information contact:</b> Brenda Scott Phone: 713-868-8484		<b>Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action:</b> Various		
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> The Housing and Community Development Department recommends approval of an Ordinance approving a Substantial Amendment to the 2012 Annual Action Plan, adding a Community Reinvestment Plan and Map.				
<b>Amount of Funding:</b>  NO FUNDING REQUIRED				<b>Finance Budget:</b>
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDING</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Other N/A				
<b>SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:</b>				
<p>In accordance with HUD's Citizen's Participation Plan regulations, the City is required to amend components of its Consolidated Plan/Action Plan, for a variety of reasons, including when a substantial change is made to any material component of the Plan.</p> <p>HCDD proposes to amend the 2012 Action Plan to include a Community Reinvestment Plan and Map to enable the City to leverage local dollars with private investments through the State's Housing Tax Credit program. HCDD recommends utilizing the same map, as developed for Code Enforcement Areas (and approved by HUD), for the Community Reinvestment Plan and Map.</p> <p>As a part of the 2012 Annual Action Plan, the Department proposed a Code Enforcement Areas Map submission to better help historically underserved communities prioritize and select areas for code enforcement activities. To determine the areas, HCDD conducted an analysis of several demographic and income elements of Houston's Super Neighborhoods. In order to determine the areas of greatest need, six (6) characteristics were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low- to Moderate- Income population;</li> <li>• Land Assemblage Redevelopment Authority owned lots;</li> <li>• HCDD funded multifamily housing &amp; public facilities;</li> <li>• Concentration of multifamily housing stock;</li> <li>• Designated demolition sites; and</li> <li>• Capital Improvement Plan projects.</li> </ul> <p>After applying the above characteristics, HCDD identified thirty-nine (39) Super Neighborhoods to be a part of the HUD approved Code Enforcement Areas map. Given the characteristics used to develop the Code Enforcement Areas Map, the Department recommends utilizing such map (and its selected communities) as the Community Reinvestment Map and Plan.</p> <p>HCDD recommends modifying the 2012 Annual Action Plan, by: (1) amending the Geographic Distribution under the General Questions Section (beginning on Page 39); (2) adding an additional Appendix; and (3) making other such changes as deemed necessary to effectuate this amendment. The public's comment period will begin on November 5, 2012, and ends on December 4, 2012.</p> <p>This item was presented to the Housing, Sustainable Development and Growth Committee on November 6, 2012.</p>				
cc: City Secretary Legal Department Mayor's Office				
<b>REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION</b>				
<b>Finance Director:</b>		<b>Other Authorization:</b>		<b>Other Authorization:</b>



# **Agenda**

## **Community Needs Public Hearing**

**Monday, October 29, 2012**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Acres Homes Multi-Service Center – 6719 W. Montgomery  
Houston, TX 77091**

**Welcome**

**Neal Rackleff, Director**

**Acknowledgement of Elected Officials or Representatives**

**2012 Action Plan Review**

**Proposed Areas for Community  
Reinvestment**

**2011 Accomplishments**

**Steve Tinnermon, Deputy Director**

**2013 Action Plan**

**Brenda Scott, Deputy Assistant Director**

**Community Needs Survey**

**Peggy Colligan, Staff Analyst**

**3 Minute Break**

**Public Comment Period**

**Keith Bynam, Assistant Director**

**Adjournment**

**Neal Rackleff, Director**



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## **Community Needs Public Hearing**

**Thursday, November 8, 2012**

**6:00 p.m.**

**City Hall Annex – Public Level**

**900 Bagby, TX 77091**

**Welcome**

**Neal Rackleff, Director**

**Acknowledgement of Elected Officials or Representatives**

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**Neal Rackleff, Director**